

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated July 31, 2003 (Paper No. 11). Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-20 and 27 remain pending in this application. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that Examiner's indication that claims 1-20 and 27 are allowed. In response, claims 21-26 have been cancelled by this amendments thus rendering the remaining rejections moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding rejections in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for immediate allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.214.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.214.

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